

Minutes

Regular Session: Monday, February 12, 2024

Meeting Location: *Historical Agricultural Building*

Attending Officials:

John Larkin, David Kilpatrick, Jon Payne and Janet Jones (M Pruett, city atty attending)

Mayor Janet Jones called the meeting to order at **7:00pm**

Invocation: *John Larkin*

The Pledge of Allegiance

Rules of Decorum Read

First Order of Business:

Minutes from January 8, 2024 Regular Session were read. John motioned to accept the minutes as read. David seconded. Votes unanimous.

Agenda Approval / Amendments:

No amendments to the Agenda.

Committee Updates:

CAD REPORT: David read the CAD report for January 2024.

- 1 - ROADWAYS - No updates.
- 2 - SIDEWALK/STORMWATER - No updates
- 3 - CITY DESIGN & VENUE IMPROVEMENTS - No updates.

Agenda Items:

- 1 - **Roadway Upgrades** - Paving/Striping Bids: This item has been tabled for clarifications. Two quotes were received for paving/striping Landrum, W. Thompson, a portion of E. Thompson, S Church St and Oak St. Garrett Paving - \$204K; Hammond Grading \$121K. The city qualified for a LMIG grant which will go toward this expenditure. John motioned that the city accept the lower bid of \$121,971. Jon seconded. Votes unanimous. David will receive a copy of the bond from Athens Insurers at signing.
- 2 - **Mower Purchase** - An opportunity arose to purchase another zero-turn mower for maintenance. The mower is a Red Max with 60" deck which retails for \$9,900. The owner of Ace Hardware in Colbert will sell it for \$6,499 with a three-year warranty. David motioned to purchase this mower. John seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 3 - **Maintenance Truck Purchase** - The city maintenance truck has 220K miles. Three bids were received: Athens Chevrolet-2024 Silverado Custom Crew \$45.4K; Athens Ford-2023 F150 XL 4x4 Crew \$48.9K; Athend Dodge-2023 RAM 1500 Tradesman \$35.9K and 2023 RAM 1500 Tradesman 4x4 \$39.1K. David motioned to purchase the RAM 1500 4x4 for \$39.1K. Jon Payne seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 4 - **Preliminary Plat for Whitehead Rd.** - After the public hearing, the plat presented to divide parcel at the corner of Aiken and Whitehead Rd came for vote. Ken Beall clarified an issues with the road frontage for one of the parcels. John motioned to approve the preliminary plat as submitted. David seconded. Votes unanimous.

- 5 - **Amendment to Moratorium: 1637 Atlanta Hwy** - Mr. Brown lost his house to fire in 2023 and came to the city to restore the house. An amendment to the moratorium was presented to allow an exception in the event of fire or other natural causes. David motioned to approve the amendment as written. Jon seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 6 - **Mutual Aid & Assistance Agreement** - CJ Worden, EMA Director for Oconee County, presented the agreement which enables Oconee County to mobilize aid in the event of a national disaster. This is an annual agreement but requires a vote of council. David motioned to approve the agreement as presented. John seconded. Votes unanimous.
- 7 - **Proposed 2025 Budget** - The proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 was presented to council for review. The budget ad will run in the newspaper on the 15th and be available in City Hall and on the website. Council will review on February 19, hold a Public Hearing on March 4 where comments will be heard and presented for vote at the March 11 Regular Session.

The next Regular Session Council Meeting will be at 7:00 pm on March 11, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm